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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KITAMURA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2872**

Serial No.: **09/582,094**

Examiner: **Thong Q. Nguyen**

Filed: **June 22, 2000**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8068

For: **MICROSCOPE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 24, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, along with proposed drawing corrections to Figures and , as marked in red ink.

The applicants respectfully request that the proposed drawing corrections submitted herewith be approved by the Examiner, and that the outstanding objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	40	39	=	1	X \$9	X \$18	9.00
Independent Claims	12	11	=	1	X \$42	X \$84	42.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$140	280	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							51.00

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$51.00 for the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment.

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures: Amendment w/Request for Drawing Approval and 4 sheets of drawings